

Fitzwilliam Economic Committee

Dec 4, 2017: Fitzwilliam Town Hall

Meeting began at 7 pm.

The goals of the Economic Committee: to get businesses together to network and pool resources, build relationships among business owners, promote new members, and to revitalize Fitzwilliam.

In attendance: Suzanne Gray, Skip Hagstrom, Steve Reinhart, & Adrianna Stefanko

Absent: Chelley Tighe

Guest: Caroline Tremblay and Gene Cuomo

Minutes: Minutes of November 6, 2017 were approved.

CCC: Suzanne asked about thoughts on the last CCC event held on Nov 13th. Steve was happy with how it went, but would have liked to see more interaction between the participants. Suzanne agreed it needed more networking. Perhaps only scheduling one guest speaker would allow for more time to network. Adrianna suggested a white board showing the time allotments. Caroline added that the speakers should be standing in the front of the group. There were some difficulties in hearing and seeing the speakers. She also stated the need for follow up options, like websites or library resources. The attendees need something to take away from the event. The cost of the 2 bags of pellets will be paid back to the Depot Train Station next year as this amount was put into the 2018 budget. Chelley and Suzanne sent out thank you notes to all those attending.

Next CCC: Feb 26, 2018 has been selected for the date of the next CCC event. Location to be determined, but some options include Meadowood, Depot Train Station, Town Hall, and Library. Marion will check with Jane Wright on the use of Meadowood and Suzanne will talk with Kate about the Library. Steve asked how to get the word out. The newsletter will have a "save the date", the sandwich boards will be used and small signs be placed at local businesses and the town hall.

Business flow chart: Suzanne is currently working on this project with Land use assistant Danica Melone.

Upcoming Faire: This event will be called the ***Fitzwilliam Fantasy Faire***. Caroline stated the date selected for this is Oct 6, 2018 with the hours being 10am-3pm. She share that she has a list of potential vendors, demonstrators and volunteers. Ideas came up for how to generate revenue to offset some of the costs. So far these include tote bags, t shirts, mead tasting, and vendor fees. There is always the option of accepting donations. Suzanne inquired about the expenses involved. Caroline stated there were the police, port-a-potty, tent(s), and trash pickup. Gene Cuomo offered to pick up the trash and asked that the recyclables be kept separate. Steve stated he would like to see the word "community" be placed somewhere in the title; Fitzwilliam Fantasy Faire- a community event, Before

proceeding any further on this, Suzanne stated it would need Board of Selectman approval. She has put Caroline on the agenda for Dec 11, 2017 at 8 pm.

Skip shared that he has provided the library with extra newsletters.

Darryl Meattey, who attended the last CCC event, suggested we work with the Troy Ec Comm. This will be put on the agenda for another time.

Minutes of Nov 6, 2017 were passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Jan 8, 2018.

Minutes taken by Marion Wheeler